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LOCALITIES TO RECEIVE \$5.4 MILLION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

(RICHMOND, Va.)—Virginia cities and counties will receive \$5,429,010 this year for emergency medical services (EMS), a funding increase of more than \$2 million from a year ago. The money is provided through a surcharge on the motor vehicle registration fee called “Four for Life,” collected by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and distributed to localities by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH).

The increase in “Four for Life” funding this fiscal year is a result of legislation approved by the 2002 General Assembly, increasing the surcharge on each motor vehicle registration from \$2 to \$4. The money from the surcharge is dedicated entirely to the state’s EMS system. By law, 26 percent of the “Four for Life” funds must be returned to the locality where the vehicles are registered. The funds must be used for training volunteer or salaried EMS personnel of licensed, non-profit EMS agencies and for the purchase of equipment and supplies by these agencies.

“These funds provide our communities with critically needed EMS equipment and training,” said State Health Commissioner Robert B. Stroube, M.D., M.P.H. “Never have we had a greater need for our statewide EMS system to be properly equipped, trained and ready to respond to the state’s growing population and to increased disaster and emergency response expectations.”

The “Four for Life” funds also provide indirect support to Virginia’s cities and counties through grants, contracts and other programs designed to improve EMS services. The grants in the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund provide more than \$6 million annually to non-profit Virginia EMS agencies and organizations.

“Four for Life” funds that each locality will receive are listed below, rounded to nearest dollar.

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Accomack County - \$25,320
Albemarle County - \$63,142
Alexandria - \$120,197
Allegheny County - \$13,593
Amelia County - \$10,420
Amherst County - \$23,910
Appomattox County - \$11,353
Arlington County - \$121,202
Augusta County - \$58,755
Bath County - \$4,877
Bedford City - \$3,826
Bedford County - \$54,583
Bland County - \$5,012
Botetourt County - \$26,738
Bristol - \$10,942
Brunswick County - \$12,367
Buchanan County - \$19,932
Buckingham County - \$11,194
Buena Vista - \$4,160
Campbell County - \$41,381
Caroline County - \$20,832
Carroll County - \$22,245
Charles City County - \$6,601
Charlotte County - \$9,678
Charlottesville - \$22,783
Chesapeake - \$149,694
Chesterfield County - \$219,981
Clarke County - \$11,730
Colonial Heights - \$13,733
Covington - \$4,363
Craig County - \$4,320
Culpeper - \$31,678
Cumberland County - \$7,475
Danville - \$29,017
Dickenson County - \$11,911
Dinwiddie County - \$20,632
Emporia - \$3,357
Essex County - \$8,870
Fairfax City - \$18,106
Fairfax County - \$690,063
Falls Church - \$14,736
Fauquier County - \$54,427
Floyd County - \$12,271
Fluvanna County - \$18,847
Franklin City - \$5,697
Franklin County - \$42,407
Frederick County - \$57,905
Fredericksburg - \$16,377
Galax - \$4,413

Giles County - \$13,282
Gloucester County - \$29,581
Goochland County - \$16,350
Grayson County - \$12,339
Greene County - \$13,228
Greensville County - \$6,741
Halifax County - \$28,084
Hampton - \$93,781
Hanover County - \$77,675
Harrisonburg - \$21,625
Henrico County - \$206,692
Henry County - \$43,571
Highland County - \$2,350
Hopewell - \$14,808
Isle of Wight County - \$26,449
James City County - \$39,702
King and Queen County - \$6,000
King George County - \$16,780
King William County - \$11,988
Lancaster County - \$10,445
Lee County - \$15,864
Lexington - \$3,373
Loudoun County - \$178,069
Louisa County - \$25,963
Lunenburg County - \$9,664
Lynchburg - \$38,742
Madison County - \$10,995
Manassas - \$28,682
Manassas Park - \$8,661
Martinsville - \$9,535
Mathews County - \$7,917
Mecklenburg County - \$24,247
Middlesex County - \$10,247
Montgomery County - \$51,492
Nelson County - \$13,066
New Kent County - \$13,687
Newport News - \$127,468
Norfolk - \$139,581
Northampton County - \$9,197
Northumberland County - \$11,499
Norton - \$2,295
Nottoway County - \$10,526
Orange County - \$24,664
Page County - \$19,512
Patrick County - \$15,334
Petersburg - \$20,074
Pittsylvania County - \$49,589
Poquoson - \$9,501
Portsmouth - \$60,420
Powhatan County - \$20,612
Prince Edward County - \$12,553
Prince George County - \$23,744

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Prince William County - \$240,783
Pulaski County - \$25,704
Radford - \$7,365
Rappahannock County - \$7,198
Richmond City - \$112,663
Richmond County - \$7,588
Roanoke City - \$63,888
Roanoke County - \$71,630
Rockbridge County - \$17,879
Rockingham County - \$56,533
Russell County - \$22,898
Salem - \$18,364
Scott County - \$16,954
Shenandoah County - \$33,964
Smyth County - \$23,068
Southampton County - \$13,349
Spotsylvania County - \$89,107
Stafford County - \$79,678
Staunton - \$16,242
Suffolk - \$54,459
Surry County - \$6,005
Sussex County - \$7,570
Tazewell County - \$32,619
Virginia Beach - \$303,696
Warren County - \$30,401
Washington County - \$39,259
Waynesboro - \$14,558
Westmoreland County - \$15,325
Williamsburg - \$11,028
Winchester - \$18,071
Wise County - \$29,043
Wythe County - \$21,823
York County - \$44,935

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